

RCE / 1763 #

PATENT

Customer Number 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hiroshi MURAKAMI ) Group Art Unit: 1763  
Serial No.: 09/897,900 ) Examiner: L. Alejandro Mulero  
Filed: July 5, 2001 )  
For: VACUUM ARC EVAPORATION )  
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USING THE SAME )

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Sir:

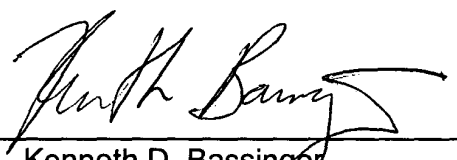
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination. The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$110.00 for the Extension is enclosed.
- ☒ A fee of \$750.00 to cover the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$860.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

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